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SUBJ: REQUIREMENT FOR PROOF OF DATE OF BURIAL OF STEPHEN L. BOHN

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1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL, CONSOFF STERLING PERSONS AND FSL
CONSULAR INVESTIGATOR, RETIRED ECUADOREAN POLICE CAPTAIN
CESAR MUNIVE, DEPARTED GUAYAQUIL MORNING JULY 15 BY JEEP
FOR LIMON INDANZA TO SEEK FURTHER PROOF OF DATE OF BUPIAL
STEPHEN L. BOHN. THEY EXPECT TO REACH LIMON INDANZA
MORNING JULY 16 AND RETURN GUAYAQUIL O/A MORNING JULY 18.

2. CONGEN IS INFORMED THAT CERTIFICATION SIMPLE GRATUITA
PARA LA INHUMACION Y SEPULTURA IS ESSENTIALLY PERMIT TO
BURY REMAINS, BUT IS NOT CERTIFICATE OF BURIAL. UNDERSTAND
THIS CERTIFICATION IS FINAL DOCUMENT CUSTOMARILY ISSUED BY ECUADOREAN
AUTHORITIES IN DEATH CASES, AND THAT FURTHER CERTIFICATES OF
ACTUAL BURIAL NOT NORMALLY ISSUED. MOREOVER, UNDERSTAND
FURTHER THAT REGISROS DE DEFUNCIONES AT ECUADOREAN
CIVIL REGISTRIES CUSTOMARILY SHOW DATE OF ISSUANCE
CERTIFICATION SIMPLE GRATUITA PARA LA INHUMACION Y
SEPULTURA, AND DO NOT GENERALLY LIST DATE OF ACTUAL
BURIAL. IF THIS INFORMATION NOT LISTED IN ITS RECORDS,
CIVIL REGISTRY IN LIMON INDANZA MAY UNDERSTANDABLY BE
RELUCTANT TO ISSUE CERTIFICATE OF DATE OF BURIAL.
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3. CONOSS PERSONS AND CONINVESTIGATOR MUNIVE PLAN TO
SEEK BURIAL CERTIFICATE AND PHOTOS REQUESTED
REFTEL, AND ANY PERTINENT ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE
OF DATE OF BOHN'S ACTUAL BURIAL, WHICH MIGHT INCLUDE
FOLLOWING:

A. CERTIFICATION FROM CEMETERY ADMINISTRATOR OF DATE OF BURIAL, AS WELL AS PHOTO OF HIS REGISTRY BOOK, IF AVAILABLE.

B. PHOTOS AND/OR CERTIFICATION FROM ANY MUNICIPAL RECORDS WHICH MIGHT EXIST, WHICH WOULD HOPEFULLY INCLUDE REGISTRY OF CEMETERY PLOTS.

C. CERTIFICATION FROM LOCAL JEFATURA DE SALUD OF WHEN BURIAL TOOK PLACE, TO INCLUDE PHOTOS OF REGISTRY OF BURIALS, IF ONE EXISTS. JEFATURA DE SALUD WOULD NORMALLY HAVE RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE BURIAL WITHIN 24 HOURS OF DEATH, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ECUADOREAN LAW.

D. STATEMENTS BY THOSE IN ATTENDANCE AT OCTOBER 8 FUNERAL MASS DESCRIBED BY CAMILO LEON PARA TWO HIS MEMO OF OCTOBER 21, 1975, AND HOPEFULLY, OF WITNESSES TO HIS ACTUAL BURIAL.

E. ANY OTHER PERTINENT CERTIFICATIONS, DOCUMENTS AND STATEMENTS CONCERNING BOHN'S DEATH AND BURIAL. IF FATHER PALOMINO AND DR. GARCIA ARE AVAILABLE, PERSONS AND MUNIVE WILL ASK THEM IF THEY HAVE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING BOHN'S DEATH AND BURIAL WHICH WAS NOT PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED TO CAMILO LEON WHEN HE VISITED LIMON INDANZA OCTOBER 10, 1975.

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PLEASE BE AWARE THAT LIMON INDANZA IS NOT A LARGE CITY, AND MAY QUITO CONCEIVABLY NOT HAVE CEMETERY ADMINISTRATOR, DETAILED MUNICIPAL RECORDS OR REGULARLY ESTABLISHED JEFATURA DE SALUD OFFICE CUSTOMARILY FOUND IN LARGER SETTLEMENTS IN ECUADOR, BUT WE CONSIDER THERE IS A REASONABLY GOOD CHANCE IT DOES.

4. WE THEORIZE THAT DR. GARCIA'S STATEMENT MENTIONED PARA TWO REFTEL THAT BOHN'S BODY LAID AROUND FOUR DAYS REFERS TO PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING HIS DEMISE, AND NOT PERIOD BETWEEN DEATH AND BURIAL. (SEE PAGE TWO, PARA THREE OF CAMILO LEON'S MEMO OF OCTOBER 21, 1975).

5. ECUADOREAN AUTHORITIES WILL BE ASKED TO ASSIST IN ALL PHASES OF EFFORTS TO OBTAIN PROOF OF DATE OF BURIAL STEPHEN BOHN. WILL ADVISE RESULTS OF PERSONS' AND MUNIVE'S EFFORTS UPON THEIR RETURN.

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